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1. FRENCH CHARGE' HAS HEARD THAT DURING THE FALL, TODOR ZHIVKOV WILL VISIT MONGOLIA, NORTH KOREA AND IRAQ, IN ADDITION TO HIS ALREADY SCHEDULED TRIP TO AUSTRIA.

2. SUPPOSEDLY THE NORTH KOREAN TRIP, TO TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH, WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT SINCE ZHIVKOV HAS BEEN SELECTED BY THE SOVIETS TO CONVINCE THE NORTH KOREANS THAT THEY ARE NOT IN STEP WITH DETENTE AND THAT THEIR HARD LINE TACTICS MUST BE SOFTENED. UNDER ANY CONDITIONS, THIS WOULD BE A TOUGH CHORE AND, IF INDEED, ZHIVKOV HAS BEEN SO COMMISSIONED, IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME HE HAS BEEN GIVEN SUCH A JOB TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

3. THE IRAQ TRIP MAY BE THE SAME TYPE OF MISSION, BUT WITH DIFFERENT EMPHASIS. IT IS RUMORED (SPREAD MOSTLY BY THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR HERE) THAT IRAQ FEELS LEFT BEHIND SO FAR AS DETENTE IS CONCERNED. SEES NO BENEFITS ACCRUING FOR IRAQ AND NOW WONDERES WHY IRAQI GOVT ALLOWED SOVIETS TO PERSUADE IT TO CUT
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ITSELF OFF FROM THE MAINSTREAM OF WORLD DEVELOPMENTS.

PERHAPS ZHIVKOV WILL TRY TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS,
SHOULD HE GO TO IRAQ. A MORE PRACTICAL SUBJECT FOR
HIM TO DISCUSS WOULD BE OIL FOR BULGARIA.
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